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4-Star Rank Voted for 11

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP).—The House voted unanimously today to authorize honorary promotions to the rank of full general for eleven retired or deceased general officers of World War II.

It approved and returned to the Senate a bill authorizing President Eisenhower to appoint the officers to the permanent four-star rank of full general.

Three of the eleven are dead. Two, Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, onetime commander of Army Ground Forces, and Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner jr., commander of the 10th Army, were killed in action. The other is Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch jr., former commander of the 7th Army.

Retired officers on the promotion list are:

- Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, who commanded the 8th Army.
- Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, former chief of Army Ground Forces.
- Lt. Gen. Lucian Tuscott jr., 5th Army Commander.
- Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Commanding General of the Pacific Area.
- Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, 8th Army commander.
- Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, 15th Army commander.

The House amended the bill to include two other retired lieutenant generals: Albert C. Wedemeyer, who fought in the Pacific under Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and John L. De Witt, who headed the Western Defense Command.